SUBJECT No. 192.

Moral and religious education in public schools.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Only moral education should be given in schools. No religious education should be introduced in public schools as it infuses intolerance in the minds of the school-going children. Besides, there are no trained masters.

(*b*) Before being called upon to impart religious instruction, schoolmasters should themselves receive a special course of training on religious matters, and therefore a full-time teacher may be appointed in high schools solely for this purpose.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 193.

Taking out school-boys on holiday excursions.

Mr. C. Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—An annual grant of Rs. 100 to each of the high schools may be sanctioned for taking students to places of interest to give them a course of practical illustration or teaching on geographical, historical and scientific subjects.

Reply of Government.—This is a good suggestion and will be considered when funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 194.

Allotments to the education budget for certain purposes.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Suitable arrangements may be made to allot during a period of fifteen years, sums of money aggregating one year's revenue of the State, for the following educational purposes:—

(1) For the construction of model schools with farms attached to them in villages and towns.

(2) For imparting practical education in the use of local mineral and vegetable products.

(3) For establishing industrial and technical schools, both elementary and advanced.

(4) For giving effect gradually to the scheme of compulsory education.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 195.

Scholarships to land-holders desirous of learning foreign methods of cultivation.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Government may afford pecuniary assistance to such land-holders as are desirous of going to foreign countries with a view to acquaint themselves with new and improved methods of cultivation.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 196.

Scholarships to poor students passing out successfully from the Mysore engineering school.

Mr. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.— There are many poor students who, after completing the course at the Mysore engineering school, desire to improve their technical knowledge by studying in other institutions. Some scholarships of a reasonable amount may be granted every year to such students to enable them to come better trained for their professional work. Appointments may also be given to them.

Reply of Government.—If applications are made for scholarships or appointments, they will be considered.